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To: Microsoft ATR
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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

Dear Sir/Madam,

Having been found guilty of abusing its monopoly position in the IT market place, it seems odd to me that the proposed settlement amounts to nothing more than a light slap on the wrist for Microsoft, and then offers measures that will potentially further their stronghold in this market. This case should not end with a settlement. Microsoft has been found guilty of a crime and should be punished. By acting to find a settlement in this case that involves input from Microsoft themselves, the message is put across that corporations of this size and power base are above the law. Having been found guilty, they should be punished; it is that simple.

As a global player, Microsoft has abused its position the world over. As such, would it not be prudent to seek advice from the governments of other countries as to a suitable punishment, instead of the perpetrator ?

Microsoft must pay the price for its past misdeeds. Does the US government really want to seem to be less powerful than Microsoft in the eyes of the world ?

Yours faithfully,
Stuart Powell.